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DIRECTORS' MEETING, COPENHAGEN, JANUARY 10-11: AFRICA

1. IN BRIEFING US THIS EVENING ON THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES
CONSIDERED BY THE NINE, MFA EC PRESIDENCY OFFICER BOJER SAID
THAT ALTHOUGH THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS TOOK NOTE OF A NUMBER OF
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SOUTHERN AFRICAN ITEMS, THE CONSIDERATION THEY GAVE THEM WAS
RELATIVELY BRIEF.

2. ZIMBABWE - THE UK POL DIR INFORMED THE OTHERS ON THE PRESENT
STATE OF PLAY IN RHODESIA AND SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY STILL
BACKED THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS. THE UK HAS LITTLE FAITH
IN A POSITIVE OUTCOME OF SMITH'S INTERNAL SOLUTION BUT WILL NOT

CONDEMN IT OUT OF HAND PUBLICLY.

3. NAMIBIA - THE FRENCH RECOUNTED THE INITIATIVE OF THE WESTERN FIVE ON PROXIMITY TALKS ON NAMIBIA AND THE PROBLEMS KNOWN TO ADDRESSERS OF GETTING SWAPO AND THE SOUTH AFRICANS TOGETHER IN NEW YORK AT THE SAME TIME. BOJER REITERATED THAT THE NORDICS HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SWAPO TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO GO TO NEW YORK BUT HE WAS NOT CLEAR WHERE AND WHEN THESE CONTACTS HAD BEEN MADE. ANOTHER OFFICER OF THE DANISH PRESIDENCY ADDED THAT HE BELIEVED THE NORDICS WERE ALSO PUSHING SWAPO TO GET TO NEW YORK BY JANUARY 17.

4. SOUTH AFRICA - THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS RECALLED THE APPROACH BY FONMINS OF THE NINE ON NOVEMBER 22 TO OTHER OECD MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY THE US AND JAPAN. THE FONMINS INFORMED OTHERS IN THE OECD OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT OF THE NINE AND ENCOURAGED OTHERS TO PROMULGATE SIMILAR MEASURES. AT TODAY'S MEETING, THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE APPROVED INDIVIDUAL FOLLOW-UPS BY MEMBERS OF THE NINE WITH OTHER OECD MEMBERS WITH WHOM THE FORMER HAD A PARTICULAR AFFINITY. IN DENMARK'S CASE IT WOULD BE WITH THE OTHER NORDICS, INTER ALIA.

5. FINALLY, THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE TOOK NOTE OF VARIOUS WORKING GROUP STUDIES IN PROGRESS SUCH AS SOVIET INFLUENCE IN AFRICA AND THE SITUATION IN THE HORN. A WORKING GROUP IS ALSO COORDINATING GUIDELINES FOR INDIVIDUAL REPLIES BY THE NINE TO THE UN SECRETARY
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